

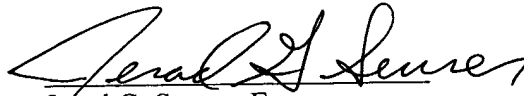
**Remarks/Arguments**

In the specification, the paragraph starting at page 12, line 23 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application.

No fee is believed to be due for entry of this Preliminary Amendment. However, please feel free to charge any fee deemed necessary for entry of this Amendment to Deposit Account 13-1160.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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